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Dear Professor Van der Merwe:

Your letter of 7 August 1980 was received on 13 August 1980. Arrangements will be made for consideration of your appeal by the Information Review Committee.

As you may be aware, we have a backlog of about 400 appeals. In order to process these appeals in the most equitable manner possible, we have adopted the policy of handling the appeals on a first-received, first-out basis. The rate at which your appeal progresses is, of course, dependent largely upon the numbers and complexities of the documents which are being reviewed in connection with the numerous appeals which were received prior to yours. Under these circumstances, not even a meaningful estimate of the processing time which will be required for your appeal can be given at this date.

I apologize for any inconvenience this unavoidable delay may cause, and can only assure you that your appeal will be processed as quickly as possible. You will be advised on the outcome as soon as our processing has been completed.

Sincerely,



Information and Privacy Coordinator

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